(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the pleas put forward by America and India respectively over the issue and the efforts proposed to be made to sort out the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Article 6(iii) of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, inter-alia, states that India agreed to establish a new national reprocessing facility dedicated to reprocessing safeguarded nuclear material under IAEA safeguards. Article 6(iii) of the agreement calls for consultations on arrangements and procedures within one year.

In March 2009 the US responded to India's request invoking Article 6 (iii) of the Indo-US Agreement on arrangements and procedures confirming that the first round of formal consultations, would commence no later than 3 August 2009 and that final agreement on arrangements and procedures is to be reached no later than 3 August, 2010. The first round of negotiations between India and the United States had taken place on 21-22 July 2009. The latest round of negotiations took place on 21-22 November 2009. The process of negotiations is a continuous process aimed at arriving at an agreement by August 2010.

Changes in civil nuclear liability bill

†3087. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made changes in "Civil Nuclear Liability Bill" under the pressure of foreign nuclear companies;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the draft of Bill all the liabilities have been fixed on Nuclear Power Corporation of India if the situation arise from any sort of accident; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Mining of uranium in Meghalaya

†3088. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.